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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN
MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING DISCUSSION JANUARY 26 WITH BRIAN ABSOLUM, NEWLY APPOINTED
HEAD OF DIVISION OF AFRICAN, MIDDLE EASTERN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS,

POLITICAL OFFICER WAS ADVISED OF PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED TO
NEW ZEALAND CABINET FOR THEIR APPROVAL AUTHORIZING EXPANSION OF
NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS MISSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST REGION.

2. PROPOSAL INCLUDES: OPENING OF NEW ZEALAND MISSION IN CAIRO DURING
NEX FISCAL YEAR (APRIL 1977 THROUGH MARCH 1978) AND ACCREDITING
AMBASSADOR TO JIDDA; RAISING LEVEL OF NZ MISSION IN ATHENS TO THAT OF
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FULL EMBASSY AND ACCREDITING AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL; ACCREDITING NZ
AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN TO AFGHANISTAN AND TURKEY; RAISING LEVEL OF
NZ MISSION IN BAGDAD TO THAT OF FULL EMBASSY AND ACCREDITING
AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT, JORDAN AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

3. THE MFA PROPOSAL TO CABINET IS OUTGROWTH OF FOREIGN
MINISTER TALBOYS' TRIP LAST YEAR TO MIDDLE EAST AND SUBSEQUENT

REVIEW OF NEW ZEALAND'S INTERESTS THROUGHOUT MIDDLE EAST REGION. CONSENSUS OF REVIEW IS THAT NEW ZEALAND HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING SALES THROUGHOUT MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY SALE OF MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, AND PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MISSIONS WILL BE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL SALES.

4. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT NEW ZEALAND'S PLANS FOR REPRESENTATION IN AFRICA, ABSOLUM REPLIED THAT NO CHANGES ARE EXPECTED IN PRESENT PATTERN, I.E. NO REPRESENTATION IN BLACK AFRICA. ABSOLUM ADDED THAT AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW OF NEW ZEALAND'S INTERESTS AND TRADE POTENTIAL IN BLACK AFRICA IT WAS DECIDED THAT OPENING OF NEW ZEALAND MISSION IN BLACK AFRICA NOT MERITED AT THIS TIME. THE DOMINANT ISSUE OF CONCERN IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN SPORTING TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE THIS HAS HELD CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF PRESS INTEREST IN NEW ZEALAND AND AFFECTED NEW ZEALAND'S RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICAN STATES, IT IS INSUFFICIENT BASIS FOR OPENING A MISSION, HE CONCLUDED. SELDEN

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